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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1960

The Report is prepared in the form required by the Ministry of Health, (Circular 33/52) of the 6th November, 1952.

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SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
Dr. W.C. Smales.	Medical Officer of Health.	1st May, 1944.	M.R.C.S. (Eng). L.R.C.P. (Lond). D.P.H. (Dub).	Medical Officer of Health - South Devon Water Board.
Dr. R.H. Dummett.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health.	1st October, 1944.	M.B. Ch.B.	
Mr. A.J.C. Nex.	Public Health Inspector.	18th October, 1960	Cert. R.S.I.	Surveyor and Public Health Inspector - Salcombe U.D.C.

Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health. Dr. W.C. Smales, The Lodge, Yealmpton, Plymouth. Tel. No. YEALMPTON 78.

Address and Telephone Number of the Deputy Medical Officer of Health. Dr. R.H. Dummett, Holmleigh, Salcombe. Tel No. 12.

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports +	101	1537	-	-	-
Coastwise	327	6521	-	-	-
TOTAL	428	8058	-	-	-

+ Includes Channel Islands.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C

PASSENGER TRAFFIC	Number of passengers INWARDS - NIL. Number of passengers OUTWARDS - NIL.
CARGO TRAFFIC	Principal IMPORTS - NIL. Principal EXPORTS - NIL.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive - Channel Islands, North and West coast of France and Coastwise yachts.

Character of shipping - 28 yachts arrived from the Channel Islands; 39 from the North and West Coast of France; and one from Eire.
323 coastwise yachts; and 4 R.A.S.C. vessels. 1 yacht from Corunna.
It is estimated that about 700 persons landed from the yachts. 34 direct from other ports.

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

NIL

SECTION V - Water Supply

(1)(a) South Devon Water Board.
(b) South Devon Water Board.
(2) Frequent analyses are made - results entirely satisfactory.
(3) Hydrants protected by chambers and covers. All obsolete ones have been replaced. Hosepipes sterilised by chloros solution. The water point for supplying the water boat at Whitestrand Quay was in the nature of a standpipe, and this necessitated a long length of hose to supply the boat. This new arrangement has proved to be most satisfactory.
(4) Sanitary conditions satisfactory. Inspected by Customs Officer, Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector. Tanks cleansed and sterilised at the beginning of the season and afterwards when found necessary. Water samples taken were satisfactory.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

(1) Weekly Records of Quarantinable Diseases issued by the Ministry of Health filed and available for reference. Copy of the list of Seaports in which a confirmed or suspected case of a quarantinable disease has occurred is forwarded to the Customs Officer.
(2) It is understood that any ships wishing to land passengers would wireless their Agents who would inform the Customs Officer. No passenger vessel arrived at Salcombe during the period under review, and none arrived from infected ports.
(3) The Signal Stations at Prawle and Start would receive or send messages, visual or radio.
(4) The approved mooring station is The Range, situated outside the Bar between Jone's Wall and Queen's Head.
(5) (a) The City Isolation Hospital, Plymouth..
(b) If a case of Infectious Disease is landed from a vessel, all persons on board are regarded as contacts, and are kept under surveillance throughout the incubation period during their stay in port. When contacts land, their names and addresses are taken, and these particulars are forwarded to the Medical Officer of Health of the District to which they are proceeding so that they may be kept under observation until the quarantine period has elapsed.
(c) When a case of Infectious Disease is removed from a ship, the quarters on board are disinfected by Formalin. Cleansing and disinfection of persons clothing and other articles can be carried out in the City of Plymouth by arrangement with the Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) The Smallpox Hospital (Smallpox Hospital, Liskeard, Cornwall), in the Plymouth Clinical Area.
(2) The Plymouth Ambulance Service, Greenbank, Plymouth. Telephone No:- Plymouth 64101.
(3) Dr. W.A.Lister, 7, The Crescent, Plymouth. Telephone No:- Plymouth 65701 and Devonport 40).

(3)(Continued)

Dr.D.F.Johnstone, The Scott Isolation Hospital, Plymouth, or in his absence, his Deputy must be informed immediately and invited to come and see the case. Telephone No:- Plymouth 64311.
(Ministry of Health Panel of Practitioners designed to assist the Medical Officer of Health in the diagnosis of Smallpox).

(4) The Virus Reference Laboratory, Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London. N.W.9.
Ministry of Health Medical Memorandum, 1957.

A Memorandum has been prepared enumerating the measures to be carried out in the event of the occurrence of Smallpox in the District. This has been circulated to all concerned and a copy has been sent to the Ministry of Health (15th July, 1952).

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

Plymouth, South Devon and East Cornwall General Hospital Group.
Special Treatment Centre.
South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Freedom Fields, Plymouth.

Hours of Attendance

Males - Monday - 6 to 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday - 10 to 11.30 a.m.
Wednesday - 10.30 to 12 noon.
Thursday - 6 to 7.30 p.m.
Saturday - 6 to 7.30 p.m.

Copies of these arrangements issued to all concerned.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other Infectious Disease on ships.

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

SECTION X - Observation on the occurrence of Malaria in ships

NIL

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for Plague

NIL

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) The Customs Officer makes the necessary enquiries.
(2) Specimens may be sent to the City Pathologist, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, for examination. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.
(3) and
(4) Not applicable.
Satisfactory rodent control is carried out in Salcombe by the Urban District Council.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black rats	NIL
Brown rats	NIL
Species not known	NIL
Sent for examination	NIL
Infected with Plague	NIL

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued						
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates issued	Total Certificates issued.
HGN	Other fumigant					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

The French crabbers lie in the stream and do not come alongside. There are no approved wharfs in Salcombe.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of Inspections	Notices served		Result of serving notices.
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
NIL	NIL	NIL	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-Fish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

The Kingsbridge and Salcombe Estuary receives the whole of the sewage from the townships of Kingsbridge and Salcombe in an untreated state, and consequently, special measures are necessary in regard to shell-fish.

Shell-fish. Under the Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations, the taking of Cockles, Winkles, Limpets or Mussels from any part of the Kingsbridge Estuary inside Salcombe Bar for the purpose of sale for human consumption is prohibited unless they are :-

(i) Subjected to a satisfactory process of cleansing at an Establishment which is for the time being approved by the Minister of Health for the purpose; or

(ii) Relaid in pure water for such period and in such places as may from time to time be approved for the purpose by the said Authority; or

(iii) Subjected to a process of sterilisation by steam under pressure for at least six minutes in an apparatus which is for the time being approved by the said Authority.

NOTE: With reference to para (ii), this method of purification is not considered suitable under local conditions.

OYSTER LAYING IN THE ESTUARY

Not yet resumed.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens)

Not applicable.

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

There is a Mortuary in Shadycombe Cemetery, Salcombe. Agents make their own arrangements for the interment of the dead. Where deaths have occurred from any of the five major diseases, cremation is advised.

W.T. Smales

FEBRUARY, 1961.

Medical Officer of Health.